

AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following marked-up paragraph:

The present invention will be understood more clearly from the following description of preferred embodiments taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings. However, it will be appreciated that the embodiments and the drawings are given for the purpose of mere illustration and explanation and that the scope of the present invention is to be defined by the appended claims. In the accompanying drawings, the same reference numerals denote the same or ~~corresponding~~ corresponding elements throughout several figures.

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following marked-up paragraph:

~~First~~ First embodiment

Embodiments of the present invention will now be described with reference to the drawings.

As shown in FIG. 1, a worn article of the present embodiment includes a fitting portion 1 that fastens around the torso of the wearer, and an absorbent portion 2 for absorbing body fluid of the wearer.

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following marked-up paragraph:

~~Fourth embodiment~~ embodiment

FIGs. 9(a) and 9(b) show the fourth embodiment.

In the present embodiment, the cover sheet 4 having the tearable portion 41 is provided only on the side of the abdominal-side portion 1F, but not on the side of the back-side portion 1B. The cover sheet 4 does not cover the entire joint area 5 where the fitting portion 1 and the absorbent portion 2 are connected, but covers only a portion of the joint area 5. Specifically, the cover sheet 4 is

provided so as to cover only a portion of the first end portion 23 of the absorbent portion 2 and the vicinity thereof. If the cover sheet 4 is formed in a small size as described above, it is possible to reduce the amount of material needed and thus to cut down the cost. The cover sheet 4 may be in such a size that it covers only the upper edge 2e of the first end portion 23 and the vicinity thereof.

Please replace paragraph [0046] with the following marked-up paragraph:

As shown in FIG. 8, the cover sheet 4 is layered together with the non-woven fabric 10 with the elastic member 12 being inserted therebetween. Thus, a laminate 120 is produced. The laminate 120 is divided into two laminates 120F and 120B by a slit 71A. The tearable portion 41 of a predetermined shape is formed by heating means 72A in the laminate 120F, one of the laminates 120F and 120B that is to be the abdominal-side portion 1F. Then, small cut-off pieces of the fastener member 3 are bonded onto the laminate 120F. An adhesive is applied from an applicator 81A onto the laminate 120B, one of the laminates 120F and 120B that is to be the back-side portion 1B.

Please replace the Abstract with the following marked-up Abstract:

~~An object of the present invention is to cover a removable portion and to thereby prevent an absorbent portion from inadvertently coming off a fitting portion. The~~ A ~~worn article of the present invention~~ includes a fitting portion 1 that fits around a torso of a wearer, and an absorbent portion 2 covering a crotch of the wearer and absorbing body fluid from the wearer. The absorbent portion 2 includes a first end portion 23 and a second end portion 24 that are connected to the fitting portion 1. The first end portion 23 of the absorbent portion 2 can be detached from the fitting portion 1. A cover sheet 4 is provided covering at least a portion of the first end portion 23. A portion of the cover sheet 4 is processed so that the cover sheet 4 is tearable.